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OAHU COUNTY IS A GRAFTER

ONE RESULT OF WHITE'S ANALYSIS OF THE GARBAGE PAYROLL IS TO SHOW GRAFT OF NEW KIND, THE COUNTY HAVING ROBBED DAY LABORERS OF PART OF THE SMALL WAGE THEY WERE ENTITLED TO.

Who is to make good the ninety odd dollars which the County of Oahu has paid to laborers, according to White's report, for the month of July? This is a question being discussed in the Capitol building today and another question is, who is to decide just how much overpayment there has been?

White's report admits that the question is a puzzle, and says that probably no two persons would reach the same result in figuring it up. This morning even worse possibilities of confusion were suggested. Suppose a man works one day, as at least one man did, is he not entitled to a fraction of a Sunday and of the Fourth of July? The answer, by all who have struggled with White's mysterious tables, is in the affirmative and yet the man didn't get it. In other words, the County was guilty of "grafting" from a poor Portuguese day laborer and taking part of the pittance he earned by the sweat of his brow.

"Suppose twenty-five men worked one day each during July," said another of the report, by way of illustrating the possibilities of the tables. "Twenty-five days represent the full month of July and therefore a full month's salary should be paid for the twenty-five days. But it isn't, for only twenty-five days are paid for. What can be done? Can we divide up and give each man one-twenty-fifth of the

five Sundays and one twenty-fifth of the Fourth of July?"

In such cases the County of Oahu did not do anything to make the payment fair. It was clearly guilty of a small graft. A man who worked one day in July was paid \$1.45 for it. At the rate fixed of \$45 for the calendar month he was entitled to \$1.50, for by dividing the pay among the 25 working days this is seen to be the daily rate. This happened in a number of cases, where men worked only a few days, and the County robbed them of 35 cents a day. So the County of Oahu is clearly a grafter and it has robbed some of the poorest paid and hardest worked laborers in the country.

Everybody is saying "I told you so," as a result of White's report. That there was no graft by the heads of the garbage department was not news to many, in spite of many insinuations and dark tales of hayloft payments. It is new, however, to find that the County itself is a grafter. It is said that the laborers who were forced by the "system" to accept only \$1.45 per day when they were entitled to \$1.50 have a claim against the Territory for the balance. The "graft" worked both ways. White's report does not show just how much the Territory illegally saved by robbing the laborers, but anyone who wants to take a few reams of paper, a July calendar and spend a few days over them with the payroll, can figure it out.

THE YEAR'S SUGAR CROP

ESTIMATES OF THE SHOWINGS THAT WILL BE MADE BY THE DIFFERENT PLANTATIONS.

The accompanying table of the sugar crops of the present year from the different plantations named, while not presented as being in every case absolutely accurate, will give a substantial basis for figuring on the total crop from the islands. In view of the fact that many of the plantations are still grinding, it has of course been necessary to estimate what the crops will be in many cases but these estimates, as shown have been obtained from the different agencies and are nearly correct as close figuring can bring them.

Plantation	Estimate
Ewa Plantation Co.	31,500
Grove Farm	2,700
Hawaii Mill Company	1,750
Hawaiian Agricultural Co.	1,700
Hawaiian Commercial	39,300
Hawaiian Sugar Co.	18,500
Honolulu Sugar Co.	19,000
Honolulu Sugar Co.	5,900
Honolulu Sugar Co.	7,725
Hilo Sugar Co.	10,000
Hutchinson Plantation Co.	5,500
Kahala Plantation Co.	10,700
Kala Plantation	925
Kaiku and Paila Plantations	17,500
Kahuku Plantation Co.	7,500
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JAPS MODIFY TERMS

(Associated Press Cable to The Star).

PORTSMOUTH, N. H., August 14.—The Russian and Japanese peace representatives resumed their session today. Article one, relating to the recognition of Japan's dominance over Korea, was discussed, and after being modified, was adopted by both sides. The session was resumed this afternoon.

EDWARD TO MEET JOSEPH

LONDON, August 14.—King Edward will meet Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria at Ischl.

BIG AWARD AGAINST VENEZUELA

NORTHFIELD, Vermont (August 14)—The claims of the French government against Venezuela, amounting to 5,000,000 francs, have been allowed by Referee Plumley of this place. This decision is final.

TAFT AT ILOILO

ILOILO, August 14.—Secretary of War Taft and party arrived here today from Manila.

FRENCH FLEET LEAVES PORTSMOUTH.

PORTSMOUTH, Eng., August 14.—The visiting French fleet left here today, sailing for Brest.

THE NETHERLANDS GETS NEW PREMIER.

THE HAGUE, August 14.—The new cabinet has approved Herr Demmeester a professor in the University, as premier.

MORE VICTIMS OF YELLOW FEVER.

NEW ORLEANS, La., August 14.—Twenty-seven new cases of yellow fever were reported today. There were eight deaths during the last 24 hours.

CREMATORY WILL BE CONSTRUCTED

THE QUESTION OF THE SORT OF FUEL THAT IS TO BE USED WILL BE A SERIOUS ONE.

The question of the erection of a crematory by the Oahu Cemetery Company is still under discussion though the project has practically been decided upon. The annual meeting of the company has not yet been held as there was not a quorum at the meeting recently called. In the meantime the title for the land desired for the crematory site has not yet been assured and the holding of the annual meeting will probably be delayed until that detail is concluded.

The question of just what fuel should be used is a material one and it is possible that the advice of some expert will be sought on the whole subject of crematory construction before plans are decided upon.

APPLICANTS FOR PALOLO LAND

FIVE ARE FILED WITH THE LAND OFFICE—AUCTION SALE ON WEDNESDAY.

There were five applications this morning for the Palolo lots which are to be offered at auction on Wednesday next. Some of the applicants were apparently under the impression that there was an advantage to be gained by getting their applications filed first for they waited outside the office for hours. One man held a place since yesterday. The lots are to be offered at auction, however, and they will go to the highest bidder among the qualified applicants.

The applications in are as follows:

NO DISPUTE OVER SEA WALLS

PROPERTY OWNERS GENERALLY SHOWING DISPOSITION TO MEET ANDREW'S DEMANDS.

The Waikiki beach wall cases appear likely to be settled in a satisfactory way without any litigation. Attorney General Andrews has received a number of replies from property owners to whom he wrote regarding the matter some days ago, and he stated this morning that the general disposition appeared to be to regard the rights of the public and accede to the demands made.

"We shall have to bring a proceeding in the matter of the roadway at the beach, closed up by Peacock and Huxtable," said Andrews. "This was formerly an open road and was dedicated to street purposes. It has been closed for some years, and protests have been of no avail. As soon as we are able to prepare the papers the necessary proceedings will be begun. As far as the sea walls are concerned, I do not anticipate much trouble."

CHARGED WITH ASSAULT.

Kotomoto Hikataro was charged in Judge Whitney's court this morning with assault with a weapon on another Japanese. The assault is alleged to have occurred at Moiliili some days ago. The case was continued until tomorrow.

A LARCENIST IS SENTENCED.

Chu Sun, who stole some jewelry and money from a Japanese woman working at Percy Pond's dairy ranch on the slopes of Diamond Head, was given a year in jail today by Judge Whitney.

W. C. Bergin, for lot No. 20, 1.67 acre, upset price, \$200; T. H. Duncan No. 19, 1.53 acre, \$200; S. Clinton Hardesty, No. 1, 1.47 acre, \$150; C. W. Crandall No. 15, 1.49 acre, \$200; E. R. Bath No. 17, 1.48, \$200.

MAY MANDAMUS THE REGISTRAR

FEDERAL ATTORNEYS ARE NOT SATISFIED WITH HIS INTENTIONS TO MERELY FILE PLANS FOR PROPERTY ACQUIRED BY THE GOVERNMENT AT WAIKIKI INSTEAD OF RECORDING THEM AS HERETOFORE—NEW LAW CHANGED SYSTEM.

The change made by the last legislature in the method of keeping records in the registrar's office has led to a difference of opinion between the United States representatives and Registrar Merriam, which the latter referred to Attorney General Andrews for an opinion. When District Attorney Breckons presented the deeds and plans for the Waterhouse property at Waikiki, which has just been acquired by the federal government, asking that they be filed and recorded as in the past, Merriam declined to accept them for recording, stating that under the new law he is not allowed to do so.

Former titles recorded by the federal government have the plans of record in the books of the registrar, usually in the form of blue prints. It has always been the custom here to record such plans, but the last legislature, in Act 23 provided for a system of filing. The act contains a section declaring that it shall be unlawful for the registrar to accept any more plans for record. Since the act went into effect Merriam has been accepting plans only for filing, but the United States attorneys, Breckons and Dunne, declined to accept this as a proper record.

A mandamus suit is talked of, to settle the matter in court. Merriam has asked the attorney general to give an opinion and if the opinion sustains his view and he still refuses to accept the plans for record, suit may be brought to compel him to do so. The federal government will have a lot of titles to place on record in the near future, and a test may be made in the Waterhouse case.

Reckless Highway Robber Was Caught By The Police

COMMITTED THREE ROBBERIES LAST THURSDAY—FORCED HIS VICTIMS AT POINT OF A PISTOL TO GIVE HIM THEIR MONEY—CONFESSING HIS CRIMES TO THE POLICE—ORIENTALS WERE HIS GAME.

A highway robber was caught last Saturday by the police. He had been conducting very bold operations and had not the authorities succeeded in apprehending the man a reign of terror would doubtless have existed for people traveling along the Pali road. He committed three highway robberies on August 10, two of them being along the Pali road near the summit. Walter Lee is the name of the robber and he is a negro.

His first victim was a Chinese named Ah Tong. Lee, without wearing any mask or attempting any disguise, presented a revolver at the Chinese's head and commanded him to surrender his valuables. The Chinese was robbed of \$9.80 by Lee. Soon after a Japanese named Ihara came along the Pali road and received like treatment. Lee secured only \$1.75 from the Japanese.

Lee was taken into custody on Saturday and identified by all of his victims. He confessed his crimes. He was arraigned before Judge Whitney this morning on three charges of highway robbery.

SAM HEARD FROM

Sam Johnson has heard of the garbage investigation here, through cables sent from Honolulu, and messages have been received from him here, asking for advice as to what he shall do. It is thought that he will continue the trip to Seagirt, in view of the present status of the matter. Cables have been sent to him stating that there is no reason for his returning at once and advising him to go on with the team.

A WET DAY.

It's a wet day when a fellow can't find congenial entertainment at the Criterion. Make a note of it.

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